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SUBJECT: SOVIET CLOSED AREA MAPS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 628, (B) MOSCOW 2736

1. ON AUGUST 25, TRAVEL OFFICER RECEIVED FROM MFA COPIES OF SOVIET CLOSED-AREA MAPS REQUESTED BY LETTER ON FEBRUARY 8 (REF B). MFA SENT ONLY ONE COPY OF EACH MAP. FIRST MAP COVERS MOSCOW OBLAST, OTHER COVERS ENTIRE USSR. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF MAPS REVEALS NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES WITH USG-PRODUCED MAPS, THOUGH SOVIET MAPS ARE SOMEWHAT LESS DETAILED. SOVIET COUNTRY MAP MARKS ONE FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ON OUR MAP, I.E., INTOURIST ROAD ROUTES OPEN TO FOREIGNERS.

2. TRAVEL OFFICER PHONED MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER VACHNADZE TO THANK HIM FOR DELIVERY OF MAPS AND TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT USE. VACHNADZE TOLD TRAVEL OFFICER THAT UNFORTUNATELY NO EXTRA MAPS WERE AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF LIMITED PRODUCTION RUN,
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BUT IF NEW COPIES WERE MADE WE WOULD BE SENT A FEW.

3. COMMENT: MFA HAS NOW COMPLIED WITH EMBASSY'S MAP REQUEST IN LETTER, THOUGH HARDLY IN SPIRIT IN VIEW OF VAST QUANTITIES OF CLOSED-AREA MAPS USG ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTES TO FOREIGNERS. EMBASSY IS POUCHING BOTH MAPS TO SOVIET DESK, RETAINING XEROX COPIES HERE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS, IF

DEPARTMENT CONCURS, THAT SOVIET MAPS BE PHOTOCOPIED,
REDUCED, AND DISTRIBUTED TO EMBASSY AND INTERESTED
PARTIES IN WASHINGTON. GARRISON

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